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No. 675.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 20th March 1875.

Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 16th March 1875, No. 72:—

I HAVE received two applications from "T. Saravanamootoo, care of Arbuthnot and Co., Madras," and Nunjappa Row and Neilgherry Muddanna, dated 9th and 11th March, respectively, each offering to take the arrack contract for the ten taluqs of Coimbatore for the three years, commencing 1st July 1875, at the rate of Rupees 2,40,000 per annum.

2. The Board are aware that the arrack contract was advertised to be sold taluqwar on the 1st proximo, and this is rather short notice to contemplate other action.

3. The following shows annual sums received from the abkari for the past fifteen years beginning with:—

	RS.
I.—For 1270 for one year	98,750
II.—For 1271-75 for five years	1,37,050
III.—For 1276-77 for two years	2,55,100
This was paid for one year; in the next year a remission was given which reduced the revenue to	1,92,614
IV.—For 1278 for one year, continuedat a less rate on account of losses.	2,20,000
V.—For 1279-81 evidently large profits had been made out of this reduction, for the bidding rose to	2,92,920
For three years—	
But the thing had been overdone, as one man failed (Caroor), and a remission was given to another who met his engagements under most adverse circumstances. The actual collections were at the average rate of	2,83,820
VI. VI.—For 1282-84.—To prevent a recurrence of speculative overbidding and exclude men of straw, heavy deposits were required, and the three years (1282-84) realized	2,83,600

4. There was too sudden and unsound a rise, from the II. to the III. period.

The large concession in the IV. period and probable profits produced a too high bidding in the V. period.

The VI. period was sound.

5. All these periods combine arrack and toddy, a calculation has been made to separate them, and the estimate founded on the number of shops and probable sales and deductions being made for the seven months when palmyra—the staple—toddy is not procurable, results in a probable sum of Rupees 56,600. Therefore deducting Rupees 56,600 from Rupees 2,83,600, leaves a residue of 2,27,000 as the last quotation.

6. To this Rupees 13,000 increase are offerred by two firms, viz., Rupees 2,40,000 for the arrack contract alone.

7. The Madras Contractor guarantees a revenue of Rupees 2,40,000. The Nellgherry Contractor besides the guarantee, offers to be bound by condition, as in Salem and Trichinopoly, on the excise system, which is payment of duty on actual issues which may be more than the guaranteed sum, but such a system cannot be introduced at once.

8. Besides these tenders another is received from one Teruvangadasawmy, the representative of the family of the late Thoppa Moodelly, who during thirteen years contracted for taluqs in this district.

9. This party offers Rupees 2,50,000 for the arrack contract. He would have tendered long ago if there had been an intention or intimation of disposing of the contract otherwise than by public auction on the 1st proximo.

I deem it my duty to report to the Board on these tenders, as in Nunjappa Row's tender an allusion is made to the Board of Revenue being "favorably disposed" to accept of the tender system, of which I have no official information.

10. I have no official acquaintance with the Madras Contractor or with the Nellgherry one, but a full report will be found on the conduct of the representative of Thoppa Moodelly in Board's Proceedings, dated 6th January 1872, No. 46.

11. Old Thoppa Moodelly had in his dotage been induced to join with Venkatachellah of Salem in overbidding in 1869. That nefarious party slipped out of the contract when a penniless brother-in-law of bad character of the deceased Thoppa Moodelly was joined as co-contractor, who wasted the goods of the estate and was most detrimental. The family, at a great loss, though conducting the contract as overbid (owing to an idea then prevalent that the Nerinjeepett anicut would be constructed and great sales obtained, by which the contracts for Erode rose from 12,000 to 40,000, and Bhowany from 12,000 to 16,080) by sales of family property probably did not lose less than 50,000 or 60,000 in this District by the unfortunate contract. If past conduct and a long previous contract entitle to consideration, they are here to be found.

12. The applicant in question has distilleries already in this district and at Bangalore, and is prepared to introduce an improved manufacture in three places, Coimbatore, Erode, and Collegal.

13. Having had practical experience of the honest adherence to disastrous engagements of the representative of this family, I would, if the Board are willing to accept of the tender now made, higher by Rupees 10,000 than the other two, recommend its acceptance; if otherwise, the taluqwar auction sale should take place as advertised, though it is possible by the separation of toddy from arrack, the sale of the former, as ordered by Government, will result in a considerable increase of toddy contract to the lowering of the arrack contract, and it is not certain that a larger sum will be bid, or that the separate taluq bidders will be as substantial as the present tenderer.

As a matter of choice, I would prefer dealing with one than with ten contractors.

14. Since writing the above Nunjappa Row has offered Rupees 2,51,000, and Thoppa Moodelly's representative Rupees 2,52,500. It would be better, I think, to adhere to the auction sale under good security; any other mode is liable to the imputation of favoritism.

THE Board have already refused to accept tenders for the arrack contract of Coimbatore, and must reject those now submitted. It would be unfair to accept tenders without public notice, and there is no time now to give such notice. The auction sales must proceed as advertized.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

H. Stokes
for Secretary.

To the Collector of Coimbatore.

Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

No 1262

Revenue 1875. Depte

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 20TH MARCH 1875, No. 675.

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MARCH.

No. 675.

Arrack Contract—of Coimbatore District, —Tenders now submitted for—rejected, as the Board have already refused to accept such tenders, and reason assigned for rejecting them. —Collector informed that auction sales must proceed as advertized.

No 763

Recorded

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
16th April 1875.

Read the following telegrams:—

From Collector of the Kistna District, Masulipatam, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 15th April 1875.

No rain. Unharvested crops doing well. Castor suffering from grub in some places. Prices stationary. Mild fever and small-pox still continue. Cattle generally healthy. Dry fodder sufficient. Markets well supplied locally.

From Acting Collector, Kurnool, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 14th April 1875.

No rain. Second crop paddy good. Cotton harvest progressing; outturn fair. Markets well supplied. Prices generally stationary. Water and pasture sufficient. Fever prevalent. No water over Sunkesula anicut.

From Treasury Deputy Collector, Tanjore, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 15th April 1875.

No rain Negapatam and elsewhere. Rivers dry. Water in tanks very little. Water over anicuts none. No cultivation. Standing crops generally good; not thriving in some places for want of rain. Harvest of wet and dry crops nearly over. Pasture moderate. Prices stationary. Markets well supplied. Public health generally good. Small-pox in several places. Deaths by cholera in Negapatam taluq. Cattle-disease in three taluqs.

From Collector of Trichinopoly, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 14th April 1875.

No rain. No other change of importance.

From Collector of Malabar, Calicut, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 15th April 1875.

RAIN-FALL none. Sowing of first crop in progress. Supply of grain sufficient. Small-pox prevalent throughout. Fever slight. Cattle generally healthy. Pasture scanty. Prices stationary.

ORDER THEREON, 16th April 1875, No. 762.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Sanitary Commissioner.
„ the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
„ the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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No. 5214

Muthra District

Collector's Office
Kasuli palace
16th April 1876.

From

H. Newman Esquire,
Acting Collector of
Muthra District.

To

The Honorable D. F. Carmichael,
Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Fort St George.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith the following Season Telegram sent by me this day.

"No rain. Unharvested crops doing well. Castor suffering from grub in some places. Fever stationary. Mild fever and small-pox still continue. Cattle generally healthy. Dry fodder sufficient. Markets well supplied locally."

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt servt

H Newman

Acting Collector

Traffic Code Form C1.

Class S | INDIAN TELEGRAPH. | Local No. 131.

To (Station) Madras | From (Station) Masulipatam

No.	Words.	Time tendered for transmission. (Madras time.) Day	H.	M.	Official Instructions.—
181.	35.	15.	12.	24	

To (Person) Madras Revenue | From (Person) Collector

No	rain ×	Unharvested
crops	doing	well ×
Castor ×	suffering	from
grub	in	some
places ×	Prices —	Blackcotton
Mild	fever	and
Small	for	Still
Continue ×	Cattle	generally
healthy ×	Dry	fodder
Sufficient ×	markets	well
Supplied	locally -	

Recd. from ____ (L. L.)

At ____ H. ____ M., on the ____

By ____

Date MADRAS 15-4-75

Sent to ____ (L. L.)

At ____ H. ____ M., on the ____

By ____ Telegraph Master.

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1875 Rs Inspr Trans

From The Collector of Masulipatam

To The Secretary to Government A. P.

Revenue Department

Dated 15th April 1875

No. 524

Confirming the

Telegram sent to-day

Public Service

Dated 15th April 1875

From
Ag Collector
Kunnoor

To, Madras Revenue
Madras.

No rain. Second Crop paddy Sown
Cotton harvest progressing. Outturn
fair. Markets well Supplied. Prices
Generally stationary. Water & pasturage
Sufficient. Fever prevalent. No
water over Drinkable Cement.

Rep'd Stoke
a/c Collector

Kunnoor
Collectors Office?
14th April 1875.

True Copy.

L Stoke
a/c Collector

To The Secretary
to Government R.D.
Madras

No 1366
Revenue 1875 & 1876
Telegram
From
The Collector of
Kistna

Dated 15th April 75
Rec'd 15th April 75

Rhorting on state
of season on 8th

Dated 15th April 75
Rec'd 15th April 75

Rhorting on state
of season on 8th

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Class. S

INDIAN TELEGRAPH.

Local No. 121

To (Station) Madras

From (Station) Kurnool

No.	Words.	Time tendered for transmission. (Madras time) Day	H.	M.
33	32	12	11	45

Official Instructions.—

To (Person) C. Madras Revenue

From (Person) Ag: Collector

No	Rain.	Second
Crop	paddy	good.
Cotton.	harvest	progressing.
Outturn	fair —	markets
well	supplied.	Prices
generally	stationary.	Water
and	pasture	sufficient.
Fever	prevalent.	No
water	over.	Sunkesala
ancient.		

Recd. from _____ (L. L.) _____

At _____ H. _____ M., on the _____

By _____

Dated MADRAS 14-4-75

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Sent to _____ (L. L.)

At _____ H. _____ M., on the _____

By _____

Telegraph Master.

J. —

Dated Revy. Office, Kurnool 15th

To Madras

Rainfall 14th 3 of an inch

Received 120

Copy of above explanation

telegram to Collr Guntur

Despatched 15th

No 1344

Revenue 1875 April 15th

Telegram

From

H. C. Clarke Esq.

Nilgiris.

Dated 14th April 1875

Rec'd 14th " 3 P.M.

Reporting on

state of season &c &c

1875

Service Telegram

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From Salem

From Treasury.

To Madras.

To Revenue Secretary

Government.

No rain at Negapatam and elsewhere.

Rivers dry. Water in tanks very little.

Water over Anicuts home.

No cultivation.

Standing Crops Generally good but thriving in some places for want of rains.

Harvest of wet and dry Crops nearly over.

Pasture. Moderate.

Prices. Stationary.

Markets. well supplied

Public health. Generally Good. Small pox in several places. 7 deaths by Cholera in Negapatam Taluk

Cattle disease in three Talukes.

(Signed). P. Seshagiri Row.

Deputy Collector

15th April 1875.

(True Copy).

To

The Secretary to Government.

Revenue Department.

Madras.

Deputy Collector

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Paid Message
Office Receiving
Form. PD

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MADRAS RAILWAY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

Prefix PD No. of Words 44 Code time. K 7

Time Signalled.		Station from	So	Time sent out.		Signature of Signaller.	

The following Message received at Madras Station from
Station on 15 April 1875

From
Name Treasury
and
Address Tanjore

To
Name Revenue Secy
and Govt Madras
Address

No rain Negapatam and elsewhere rivers dry water in tanks very little water over anicut none no cultivation Standing crops generally good not Threshing in some places for want of rain - Harvest of wet and dry crops nearly over - Pasture moderate, prices stationary, markets well supplied Public health generally good - Small pox in several places - Deaths by Cholera in Negapatam taluq - Cattle disease in three talugs -

Signature Seal
Signaller in charge.

No 1365
Revenue 1875 Sept 15

From
The Secy to Govt
Fort St George

Sales '75: 3 Opiums
Rec'd 15: 3 Opiums

Reporting on stats
of season in Dist 8th

Official Telegram

From Tuticorin To Madras
From Collector To Secretary to Govt
Revenue Department

No pain. No other
change of importance

Tuticorin
Collr's office
14th April 1875

} signed S B Pennington
Actg Collector

Received
Sent 6 pm

Recd at Kodaikanal
Deputy Collector

To

Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department,
Madras

Gd Wks
Ord

(T 123)

Paid Message
Receiving Form
for Delivery

MADRAS RAILWAY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

33 NOTICE.

NOTICE – The Madras Railway Company [illegible] for the [illegible] on the following conditions:
1st. That the Messages [illegible] the Company's Servants.
2nd. That the Company [illegible] for any error or omission of the Message or for any Delay in the transmission or delivery [illegible]

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The following Message received at Madras Station from Trichy Station on 14. 4. 1875

From	To
Name Collector	Name Secretary to Govt
and Address Trichinopoly	and Address Government Revenue Department Madras

No rain. No other change of importance.

Signature Jno. Murphy
Signaller in charge.

No enquiry respecting this Message can be attended to without the production of this paper.

/Copy/

Season Telegram

From Acting Collector
Calicut

To Madras Revenue
Fort St George.

Rainfall none. Sowing of first crop in progress. Supply of grain sufficient. Small-pox prevalent throughout. Fever slight. Cattle generally healthy. Pasturage scanty. Prices stationary.

cof D Ulnick
Ag Collector.

/True Copy/

D. Ulnick

Ag Collector.

To,
The Chief Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Fort St George

CT.

Revenue 1875 Sept
No 1348

Telegram
From the Collector of
Trichinopoly

Dated 14 Sept 75
Rec'd 15 " "

Reporting on
State of season on the 14th

Traffic Code Form C1.

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Class. S | INDIAN TELEGRAPH. | Local No. 136

To (Station) Madras | From (Station) Calicut

No.	Words.	Time delivered for transmission. (Madras Time) Day.	H.	M.	Official Instructions.—
369	29	15	15	30	

To (Person) Madras Revenue | From (Person) Collector

Rainfall none Sowing
of First crop
in progress. Supply
of grain Sufficient
Smallpox prevalent throughout
Fever Slight cattle
Generally healthy. Pasture
Scanty. Prices Stationary

Recd. from _____ (L. L.)

At _____ H. _____ M., on the _____

By _____

Date MADRAS 15-4-75

Sent to _____ (L. L.)

At _____ H. _____ M., on the _____

By _____ Telegraph Master

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From
Thursday Collectory
Madras

To
The Chief Secretary
to Govt. Revenue
Fort St. George

Rainfall of the
week ended
15th April 1875

Copy of Madras telegram

Revenue Department.

No. 762.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 18th April 1875

Read the following Telegram
from the Collr of Kistna, Rumnad
Tanjore and Trichinopoly &
Madurai -

Reporting on Season &c in
their Districts

H.F. 14:475 April 1875.

Communicated to the
Board of Revenue

Ld 1

To the Collr of Kistna 17 April
14 " " Rumnad
6 " " Tanjore
6 " Surgeon Genl Madras &c
5 " the Collr & Agent Madurai

No 1371

Revenue 1875 Despatch

Telegram

From The Collector

Malabar

Dated 15 April 75

Recd 15-3 April 75

Reporting on
state of Season &c
to D.O.